1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA 9 10 ALLEN EUGENE GREGORY, CASE NO. 3:22-CV-5426-TL-DWC 11 Petitioner, ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE 12 v. 13 DONALD R. HOLBROOK, 14 Respondent. 15 On February 14, 2023, Petitioner, through counsel, filed a Second Renewed Motion to 16 Appoint Counsel and Motion to Continue Due Date. Dkt. 19. Petitioner seeks appointment of 17 counsel to represent him in this 28 U.S.C. § 2254 action. Id. Specifically, Petitioner requests the 18 Federal Public Defender ("FPD") and Michael Filipovic, a private attorney, be appointed to 19 represent him. He also requests a six-month continuance to file a traverse. *Id.* Petitioner states 20 Respondent's counsel informed Mr. Filipovic that Respondent did not oppose a six-month 21 continuance. *Id.* However, there is no indication Respondent does not oppose appointment of 22 counsel. Respondent did not file a response to the Motion. 23 24

After review of Petitioner's Motion, the Court orders Respondent to file a response. The parties are directed to comply with the following briefing schedule: Respondent is ordered to file a response to Petitioner's Motion (Dkt. 19) on or before March 20, 2023. Petitioner may file an optional reply to Respondent's response on or before March 24, 2023. The Clerk is directed to re-note Petitioner's Motion (Dkt. 19) and Respondent's Answer (Dkt. 12) for March 24, 2023. Dated this 9th day of March, 2023. Chief United States Magistrate Judge